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SUBJECT: SECOND INTERNATIONAL THEATER FESTIVAL

THE SECOND INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF THEATER TO BE HELD 1-15 AUGUST IN CARACAS. NINE LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES, ENGLAND, FRANCE HAVE PROMISED PARTICIPATION THEATRICAL GROUPS: SOVIET UNION, POLAND AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA ALSO INVITED AND EXPECTED PARTICIPATE. ATENEO DE CARACAS IS SPONSORING ORGANIZATION, AND HAS COOPERATION OF HIGH LEVEL POLITICAL AND CULTURAL AND PROFESSIONAL PERSONAGES.

1. ORGANIZING COMMITTEE VERY MUCH DESIRES US PARTICIPATION AND HAS ASKED EMBASSY TO FORWARD INVITATION THROUGH DEPARTMENT TO ARTHUR MILLER (OR TENNESSEE WILLIAMS OR WILLIAM SAROYAN OR EDWARD ALBEE IN THAT ORDER) TO BE THE PRESIDENT OF THE JURY THAT WILL DECIDE AWARDS; ATENEO WILL PAY ALL EXPENSES, TRAVEL, HOTEL, FOOD ETC. FOR AS LONG A PERIOD AS MILLER (OR THE ALTERNATE) DECIDES TO STAY.

2. COMMITTEE ALSO INVITES CLIVE BARNES OF NEW YORK TIMES AS SPECIAL GUEST OF THE FESTIVAL, ALL EXPENSES PAID (AS ABOVE). DEPARTMENT REQUESTED CONVEY INVITATION.

3. COMMITTEE INVITES THE MANHATTAN PROJECT OF UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK, THEATRICAL GROUP, TO PRESENT "ALICE IN WONDERLAND". COMMITTEE WILL PAY ALL EXPENSES WITHIN COUNTRY BUT ASKS EMBASSY HELP FOR INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL OF GROUP. EMBASSY ENDORSES THIS PROJECT

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IN PRINCIPLE BUT IS UNFAMILIAR WITH THE GROUP AND REQUESTS

DEPARTMENT'S EVALUATION OF GROUP. IF EVALUATION FAVORABLE, EMBASSY
ASKS CU TO OBLIGATE TRAVEL MONEY FOR GROUP FROM FY'74 FUNDS.
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10023, TEL: 874-7119.

4. POST CONSIDERS THE FESTIVAL USEFUL, EVEN THOUGH SOME
INDIVIDUALS IN THE SPONSORING ORGANIZATION UNFRIENDLY. OTHER MEMBERS
OF THE SPONSORING GROUP ARE VERY WELL DISPOSED TOWARD US. THE
THEATRICAL AND CULTURAL GROUP IN GENERAL ARE VERY MUCH WORTH
CULTIVATING.
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